

NEWS RELEASE

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Suspect Charged in Shooting Incident Second Separate Shooting Incident Under Investigation

WARRENTON – Deputies responded to a reported shooting Friday night in the 9300 block of Cliff Mills Road. On April 3, 2020, at 11:16 p.m., the victim called 9-1-1 and advised the driver of a small silver car, described as a skinny white male, had shot out the rear window of the caller's truck. A Virginia State Police trooper responding to assist located the described suspect and vehicle crashed near the scene.

The victim advised he was awakened by a vehicle parked in his driveway. The victim went outside and could see and hear the small silver car at the end of his driveway. The victim got into his truck to go investigate why the vehicle was on his property and the vehicle left. The victim drove down the roadway and the vehicle passed him. As the victim attempted to turn around in a driveway the vehicle came back and pulled in behind the victim and blocked the victim from leaving.

The victim could see the driver with a handgun and the driver was yelling at the victim. The victim described the driver firing several rounds from what appeared to be a handgun, one of which struck the rear window of the victim's truck. The suspect vehicle then drove off south on Cliff Mills Road.

The driver of the small silver vehicle was identified as **Tyler Benton Hughes, 34, of Warrenton**. Hughes was charged with shooting into an occupied vehicle, brandishing a firearm, abduction, DUI, reckless driving and no ignition interlock. Hughes was held with no bond at the Fauquier County Adult Detention Center.



BEALETON – On Sunday morning, April 5, 2020, residents on Savannah Branch Road reported hearing gunshots just before 10:00 a.m. One resident observed a dark colored four door sedan driving north on Savannah Branch towards Marsh Road/Route 17 at the time of the gun shots. The resident advised the male passenger had his hand out of the window but the resident could not see a firearm.

Deputies responding to the area located numerous shell casings from a handgun. The shell casings were found in the roadway in the 5400 block of Savannah Branch Road.

This incident is under investigation. Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office at 540-347-3300. A caller's identity may remain anonymous.

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